

U.S. Intelligence Reports

Big Hanoi Force Repairs Ho Trail

SAIGON, Sept. 24 (AP)—U.S. intelligence indicates that Hanoi is diverting a substantial force to repair the Ho Chi Minh Trail supply network...

Belgian Coalition Splits, November Elections Slated

BRUSSELS, Sept. 24 (UPI)—King Baudouin has agreed to dissolve parliament and call general elections Nov. 7...

The dry season is only a month away. As the roads become drier and show evidence of being repaired...

While much attention continued to focus on the air war, the 215,000 U.S. troops in South Vietnam remained on a two-week special alert...

The alert is aimed at keeping Americans clear of both Viet Cong attacks and domestic political disturbances during South Vietnam's controversial one-man presidential election campaign ending Oct. 3.

South Vietnam's 115,000-man national police force will also be placed on 100 percent alert tomorrow in anticipation of possible Viet Cong terrorism and massive anti-government demonstrations during the presidential election period...

Province police chiefs and police chiefs of major cities have been ordered to keep a close watch on students, disabled veterans, Buddhists and other dissident political groups.

Sources reported that groups of disabled veterans were infiltrating Saigon today in preparation for new demonstrations over the weekend.

In South Vietnam, U.S. tactical fighter-bombers and helicopter gunships wiped out North Vietnamese base camps 60 miles northwest of Saigon and 56 miles south of Da Nang...

Allied communiques said that 50 Communist troops were killed in the two air attacks and 100 bunkers, a truck and 25 Soviet-made 122-mm rockets were destroyed.

The base northwest of Saigon was believed to be a staging area for a North Vietnamese sapper battalion that attacked the Tay Ninh West base camp of the South Vietnamese Monday, killing 21 Saigon troops and wounding 64...

Since that meeting with the military officers, President Thieu has met separately with several of his generals and some of them have been making it a point to show their lack of interest in his enemies.

Ky Warned by U.S.—SAIGON, Sept. 24 (WP)—Vice-President Nguyen Cao Ky was told by a White House envoy yesterday that Washington is very unhappy with President Nguyen Van Thieu's unopposed candidacy...

The message was carried by Brig. Gen. Alexander Haig, who is deputy to President Nixon's national security adviser, Henry Kissinger...

Presumably, Gen. Haig told much the same thing to President Thieu when he and Ambassador Ellsworth Bunker met with him yesterday for almost two hours...



ELECTION ALERT—U.S. seaman with flack jacket and helmet guarding entrance to Naval headquarters yesterday in Saigon as part of the general alert that affects all U.S. servicemen in Vietnam until Oct. 4, the day after the country's Presidential elections.

U.S. Warns Saigon Generals Any Coup Will Terminate Aid

(Continued from Page 1) The decision to handle it all so bluntly and publicly was seen here tonight as very much reflecting the style of Prime Minister Edward Heath...

A Vermeer Is Stolen In Brussels

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UN Test Vote On 2 Chinas Won by U.S.

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U.K. Ousts 105 Russians as S...

(Continued from Page 1) The total number of Soviet officials on the staff of Soviet diplomatic, commercial and other organizations has now risen to more than 500...

Air Force Is Still Grouching As China Mystery Continues

(Continued from Page 1) cancellation and unofficial indications that a major event is taking place in Peking continue to puzzle outside observers...

Japanese Police To Be on Alert as Hirohito Leaves

(Continued from Page 1) The extremists have announced plans for protests starting Sunday against the visit, which they claim is being made to organize new strategic arrangements to promote Japanese militarism...

Nixon Says Phase-2 Controls Will Cover Entire Economy

(Continued from Page 1) Limitations on profits would not be good for America, the President added, because "I think we ought to reward success rather than punish it..."

Mayor on PO Accused of Libel

PARIS, Sept. 24 (AP)—Simone de Beauvoir, the noted author, was charged today with libeling the French police...

Advertisement for HARRY WINSTON diamonds. Text: 'The most famous producer of diamonds in the world. HARRY WINSTON Each stone is cut in his own workshop...'

PANAM The Home Team advertisement. Includes a map of Europe with city names like London, Paris, Rome, and a list of cities served by Pan Am flights.

FAUCHON advertisement for Bullshot Cocktail Mix. Text: '25 Place de la Madeleine - Paris at the Groceries...'

CHUNN advertisement for Perfumes. Text: 'Parfums d'Algeria (Paris) 1225...'

HARRY'S NEW YORK BAR advertisement. Text: '5 RUE DAUNOU, PARIS, OPE. 72-30...'

Advertisement for Tailored Hong Kong Suits. Text: 'TAILORING HONG KONG Suits...'

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High Court Postpones Key Cases

Decision Prompted By Two Resignations

WASHINGTON, Sept. 24 (UPI).—The Supreme Court, minus two senior members just two weeks from the opening of the 1971-1972 term, today dropped most of the controversial cases from its scheduled docket of arguments—including the question of the death penalty.

The cases of four men on death row which had been consolidated for argument at the start of the court's working session Oct. 12 were postponed indefinitely. The court opens with formal ceremonies Oct. 4.

Also eliminated from the calendar were cases involving sex discrimination, pollution and a major smog suit filed by 15 states against the nation's automobile manufacturers.

Without Comment

The revised calendar was announced by the seven-member court without comment, but the action was prompted obviously because of the retirement of ailing Justices Hugo L. Black and John M. Harlan.

President Nixon's new appointments probably will not be confirmed by the Senate in time for the first part of the new court term.

The court was scheduled to open its working session with arguments raising the basic question of whether the death sentence constitutes the kind of "cruel and unusual punishment" forbidden by the Eighth Amendment.

A decision has been pending since 1967 and no execution has taken place in the nation since June 2, 1967. There are 653 persons on death rows awaiting the outcome.

Question of Immunity

Also postponed were cases involving the question of immunity of witnesses before grand juries and a challenge by the Sierra Club, which is trying to block a \$35-million commercial resort in California's Sequoia National Forest.

Instead, the court will begin with the case of a man charged with forging money. At issue is whether his claim of newly-discovered evidence concerning a promise of immunity by a prosecutor to a government witness provides grounds for a new trial.

This will be followed by arguments involving a New York City doctor's constitutional challenge to the procedure for appointing local Selective Service board draft classification, and the case of a North Carolina man given a harsher sentence when he was retried for drunk driving.

French Ministers At Burials of 2 Prison Hostages

CLAIRVAUX, France, Sept. 24 (UPI).—Justice Minister René Pleven and Communications Minister Robert Galley today attended the burials of two prison employees who were murdered as inmates' hostages Tuesday. Meanwhile, prison guards demanded the gullotine for the prisoners who committed the murders.

Hijack-Ransom Plan by Woman Foiled in Detroit

DETROIT, Sept. 24 (AP).—A white American woman who, police believe, wanted to hijack a jetliner to enable two jailed Black Panthers to flee the country was arrested after boarding a plane here today.

Barbara Pliskow, 37, threw away two sticks of dynamite while fleeing from a passenger check on her flight, the police said. She was identified by her father as a radical political activist. She is a former part-time instructor at Wayne State University here.

An American Airlines spokesman said the airline had received from state police a warning of possible trouble on the flight. Sky marshals moved in and ordered passengers off the plane for the search. He said Miss Pliskow shouted, "We will all die" as she was arrested.

Marshals who searched her found a .25-caliber pistol and cordite fuses, the police said. They said Detroit police had information that she planned to threaten to blow up the plane unless two Black Panthers, Michael D. Hill, 26, of Des Moines, Iowa, and Ronald K. Irwin, 19, of Detroit, were freed and allowed to leave the country.



NINE MINUS TWO—The White House has announced the resignation of U.S. Supreme Court Associate Justice John M. Harlan. His resignation follows by only six days that of the court's senior member, Associate Justice Hugo L. Black, 85. With their retirement, make-up of the highest court in the nation is as follows: (from 3d left, front row) Chief Justice Warren E. Burger, and Associate Justices William O. Douglas and William J. Brennan. Rear row, from left are: Associate Justices Thurgood Marshall; Potter Stewart; Bryon R. White and Harry A. Blackmun. The retiring Associate Justices Harlan (left) and Black (2d left) are indicated by labels in front row. The picture was made in 1970.

Nixon 'Very Seriously' Mulls Naming Woman to High Court

By Ken W. Clawson

WASHINGTON, Sept. 24 (UPI).—Attorney General John N. Mitchell said yesterday that President Nixon is "very seriously" considering nominating a woman to the Supreme Court.

He recalled in an interview that President Nixon has stated that it was his intention to be the first President to nominate a woman to the high court.

"The President is serious in that intention," Mr. Mitchell said as he left a meeting with Sen. Hugh Scott, R., Pa., and Rep. Gerald Ford, R., Mich., where the two vacancies on the Supreme Court were discussed.

In Detroit last night, Mr. Nixon commented in an address to the city's Economic Club, "I am more interested in the judicial philosophy than I am in what part of the country they come from, whether they are a woman or a man." He also seemed to hint at the serious consideration of Rep. Richard Poff, R., Va., when he said that legislators with great experience in the House or Senate "... are always good possibilities."

Mr. Mitchell said he was also aware of growing congressional support for Rep. Poff for a high-court nomination. "Congressman Poff is an outstanding individual," Mr. Mitchell said. "He would be great in any job."

While Mr. Mitchell would not say flatly that a woman will be named, he said he knows of "between six and 10" women jurists who are qualified for the nomination by virtue of previous Justice Department investigations. In addition, he said, there are other women who may be appropriate nominees who are not currently serving as judges.

The attorney general became the second person close to Mr. Nixon to indicate that the historical moment may be right to place a woman on the high court. The President's wife said Wednesday that she was "talking up" the possibility of giving the court a distasteful side.

Yesterday, Presidential Press Secretary Ron Ziegler was asked to amplify on Mrs. Nixon's remarks. He said only that "no woman will be ruled out because she is a woman."

Sen. Robert F. Griffin, R., Mich., minority whip, also attended the meeting with Mr. Mitchell and GOP congressional leaders on pending legislation and the Supreme Court vacancies.

Rep. Griffiths Recommended Sen. Griffin has recommended Rep. Martha Griffiths, D. Michigan, and U.S. District Judge Cornelia Kennedy, also of Michigan, for consideration as Supreme Court nominees.

Other women who have been mentioned informally by White House and Justice Department officials include Sylvia Bacon, former assistant U.S. attorney in the District of Columbia; Judge Sarah Hughes of Texas; Judge Shirley M. Hufstetler of California and Patricia Roberts Harris, former dean of the Howard University Law School and ambassador to Luxembourg during the Johnson administration.

Lorna Lockwood, chief justice of the Arizona Supreme Court, and Susie Sharp, a justice of the North Carolina Supreme Court, also have been mentioned.

Speculation on Rita Hauser ATLANTA, Sept. 24 (AP).—The Atlanta Constitution said yesterday that Mr. Nixon is considering appointing 37-year-old Rita Hauser, a New York attorney, to the Supreme Court.

Mrs. Hauser was active in Mr. Nixon's 1968 presidential campaign and was appointed by the



Rita Hauser, who has been mentioned as a possible appointee for a vacancy on the Supreme Court.

Police Said To Have Slain Attica Rebel

ATTICA, N.Y., Sept. 24 (UPI).—Two attorneys charged today that one prisoner involved in the Attica riot earlier this month was killed after surrendering to police who stormed the prison.

"At this time we have sufficient corroborating evidence to substantiate that inmate Frank Hicks was deliberately singled out and killed after he had surrendered and been placed in custody," charged Jeffrey Haas and Joshua Roth, who said they represented the National Lawyers Guild.

"Our evidence shows that after the yard was secured, Hicks was singled out by name and separated from the other prisoners, and 'X' was placed on his back and he was led into a cell block by prison guards and troopers. He was never seen alive again," they said in a statement issued to the press.

'Exploit Grievances'

The statement came as Gov. Nelson A. Rockefeller said in a speech at the opening of the New York State Bar Association Building in the state capital of Albany that "the tragedy at Attica is another symptom of the deep-seated illness of our society."

He added: "There is no escape from facing the sad fact that these problems stem as much from the failures of our society and government as from the actions of those small groups which exploit legitimate grievances."

Continued Resistance Vowed

ATTICA, N.Y., Sept. 24 (AP).—A statement attributed to leaders of the bloody rebellion at Attica State Prison vowing continued resistance to conditions in the prison was brought out of the prison yesterday.

The inmates said they issued the prisoners for release to newsmen. According to the statement, "to expose the vicious political machine that exists in all New York State prisons."

Mishima's Ashes Stolen at Grave

TOKYO, Sept. 24 (WP).—The ashes of novelist Yukio Mishima, who disemboweled himself last year, have been stolen from his grave, it was disclosed today.

Mr. Mishima committed ritual suicide with a samurai sword last November after urging Japanese troops at a Tokyo army center to renounce Japan's constitution and re-enshrine the prewar imperial traditions.

Police said that his widow, Mrs. Yoko Mishima, noticed that his grave had been "tampered with" when she visited Tama Cemetery in western Tokyo on Sept. 20 in preparation for special ceremonies today in honor of ancestral graves.

U.S. Spending For Welfare Rises by 27%

Largest Annual Gain In Program's History

WASHINGTON, Sept. 24 (UPI).—National welfare costs skyrocketed 27 percent last year, and relief rolls increased 17 percent, the Department of Health, Education and Welfare reported yesterday.

John D. Twinn, administrator of HEW's Social and Rehabilitation Service, said that welfare costs for the fiscal year that ended June 30 totaled \$16.3 billion and that relief rolls increased to 14.3 million persons.

"These are the biggest annual increases in the history of the program," Mr. Twinn said. But Mr. Twinn said that the annual increase for the last fiscal year was offset by a decline for three consecutive months in welfare spending and a two-month reduction of welfare rolls.

"It is too early to call these decreases a trend," Mr. Twinn said, "but there is an obvious tightening up in the states."

Cuts by 11 States Mr. Twinn said that 11 states have cut the level of welfare and recently in fiscal retrenchment moves, reducing the number of persons eligible for aid. They are Alabama, Arizona, Delaware, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Nevada, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York and Washington.

The government's newest welfare report also disclosed a \$2.4-billion annual increase in costs, including \$2.2 billion more in direct payments to persons on welfare and \$1.2 billion in payments for medical care of the needy.

HEW said that welfare costs for the year ending in June 1969, were \$9.9 billion. Since then, costs have increased to \$10.6 billion in 1969 and \$12.9 billion in 1970 before reaching \$16.3 billion this year.

While costs were soaring, the average monthly payment to a welfare client rose from \$47.20 in June, 1970, to \$49.20 in June, 1971, HEW said.

Welfare rolls grew by 2.1 million persons during the same period.

Sweden Firm on Spy Rep. Watts Has Stroke

WASHINGTON, Sept. 24 (AP).—Rep. John C. Watts, 69, the second-ranking Democrat on the House Ways and Means Committee, suffered a stroke yesterday in Kentucky, his home state, and was hospitalized, his office reported.

Sweden Firm on Spy

STOCKHOLM, Sept. 24 (Reuters).—The Swedish cabinet today turned down a plea for mercy from master spy Sig Wennerstrom, a former Swedish Air Force colonel who was jailed for life in 1964 for spying for the Russians. He asked reduction of his prison term.



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Brezhnev and Tito Continue Discussions on Communiqué

By James Feron

BEGRAD, Sept. 24 (NYT).—The Soviet Communist party chief Leonid Brezhnev and Yugoslav President Tito unexpectedly resumed their negotiations today at a hunting lodge, 50 miles from Belgrade.

The scheduled hunting trip was canceled because of what was described as a cold suffered by Mr. Brezhnev. The two leaders adjourned, instead, to Karadjordjević with their aides, to continue discussions.

It was reported by the Yugoslav agency, Tanjug, reported that Brezhnev and Tito had concluded their talks, according to the Associated Press.

The two leaders were supposed to have completed formulation of a communiqué on the framework of relations yesterday. Mr. Brezhnev is expected to return to Moscow today.

document sought by Yugoslavia to reaffirm the principles of the Belgrade declaration of 1955. These acknowledged Yugoslavia's right to develop Socialism in its own manner and to be free of interference in its internal affairs.

Brezhnev has publicly acknowledged that the principle of

St Germans Will Escape, Move Into West

By Julius Schindler
President of the German Democratic Republic has announced that the East German government will permit the escape of its citizens to the West.

Border Guards Fought to Stop Escapees

East German border guards fought to stop escapees from the West. Many were shot and killed.

U.S. Commander in Berlin

The U.S. commander in Berlin, General William W. Cobb, visited the city today.

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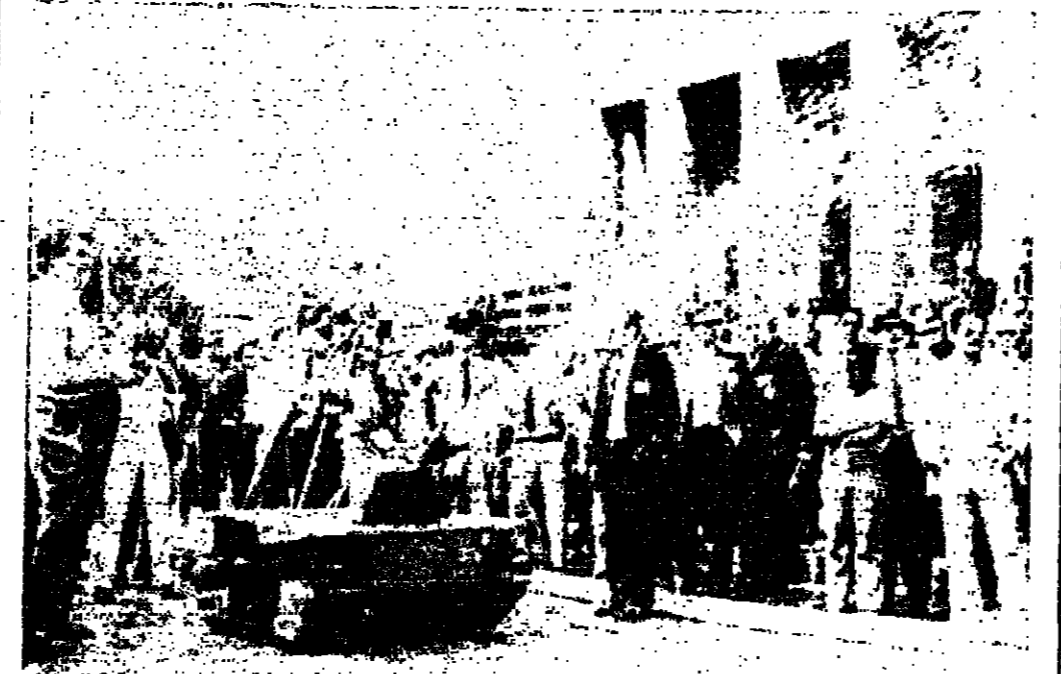
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FIRE AWAY—A remote controlled fire-fighter called "Firecat" being demonstrated at the International Association of Fire Chiefs in St. Louis. Phil Cummins (left), the inventor, is operating the robot with a radio control unit. Looking like a small tank, the Firecat can travel into areas where man could not survive, pump 1,200 gallons of water a minute, direct its nozzle in almost any direction and switch from a straight stream to a fine mist almost instantly.

Bomb Blast Kills 2 Teen-Agers British Army in Ulster to Get More Copters, Armored Cars

BELFAST, Sept. 24 (AP).—The British Army tonight called for more armored cars and helicopters to strengthen its forces against Northern Ireland's escalating guerrilla violence.

Maj. Gen. Robert Ford, commander of land forces, said at a news conference that he plans to double the number of armored cars and helicopter units in the embattled province.

That, he said, would lead to "proper surveillance" of the border with the Irish Republic, regarded as the main source of arms and explosives for the outlaws.

Gen. Ford added that his units plan to increase their firepower to meet increasing numbers of machine-gun attacks from IRA guerrillas.

Gen. Ford gave no details of how the increase in firepower and armor would be achieved.

The British have three armored regiments among their 12,100 troops in the province. Each regiment normally has about 400 men and 40 armored cars.

The toll of Northern Ireland's two-year round of violence reached 110 with the deaths early today of a teen-age couple killed by a petrol-bomb explosion.

The blast wrecked a house in Merion Street in the Lower Falls area of west Belfast, dominated by gunmen of the IRA. Police said that the victims, Rose Curry, 18, and Gerald O'Hare, 17, were wanted as suspected terrorists and may have been killed accidentally while manufacturing a bomb.

The bodies were so badly mutilated that it was hours before they were identified. Neighbors said that the couple had moved into the small house within the last few weeks.

Labor Wins By-Election; Gains in Poll

LONDON, Sept. 24 (AP).—The Conservatives were shaken today by a big defeat in a special parliamentary election and a Gallup Poll showing a slump in its public esteem.

A voting swing of 114 percent to the Labor party was recorded in a special election at Widnes, Lancashire, to fill a vacant seat in the House of Commons.

Lawyer Gordon Oakes held the seat for Labor by polling 22,800 votes for a majority of 12,651 over his only opponent, Conservative David Stanger. The Labor margin was up from 7,543 recorded in the general election of June, 1970.

"This massive swing against the government's policies of high prices and high unemployment must surely make the Tories stop and think," commented Sir Harry Nicholas, general secretary of the Labor party.

Prime Minister Edward Heath's parliamentary majority, unaffected by the Widnes result, stands at 26 seats in the 630-seat house. The Gallup Poll, published in the Daily Telegraph, showed the Laborites as trebling their popularity lead over the Conservatives in the past month.

A 19 Pct. Lead

Labor now has a 19 percent lead compared with 6.5 percent in August, according to the poll. It said 54 percent of a representative sample of voters backed the Laborites, 35 percent favored the Conservatives, 8.5 percent supported the small Liberal party and the remaining 2.5 percent were for other groups.

Mr. Heath's own popularity was shown on a similar decline while Labor leader Harold Wilson's rating was higher.

Russians Order Pollution Curbs At Lake Baikal

MOSCOW, Sept. 24 (UPI).—Soviet leaders today ordered strict new pollution controls for Lake Baikal, a Siberian lake that contains one-fifth of the world's drinkable water.

A resolution of the Soviet cabinet and the Communist party Central Committee ordered installation of purification equipment for two paper plants, one on the lake's south shore and another on a tributary river.

The decree also imposed restrictions on fishing and timber-cutting along the lake shore, and it banned any floating of timber along tributary rivers to get them to the paper mills.

The decree was a victory for Soviet conservationists led by Prof. Grigory Galazky, the head of the Soviet Limnological (lake study) Institute, situated on the shores of Lake Baikal. For more than 10 years, Prof. Galazky has carried on a spirited campaign to prevent paper mills from fouling the lake and stripping its watershed.

U.S. Envoy Says as Helsinki Talks End SALT Accord Chances 'Not Bad'

By Thomas J. Hamilton
HELSINKI, Sept. 24 (NYT).—The chief United States negotiator indicated today that he sees at least an even chance that the 11-week session here of the Strategic Arms Limitation Talks will lead to an agreement on defensive missiles by the end of the year.

Asked if he expected an accord with the Soviet Union on antiballistic missiles, when the talks resume in Vienna on Nov. 15, Gerard C. Smith, head of the Arms Control and Disarmament Agency, replied: "I should think the prospect was not bad."

A U.S. spokesman said after Mr. Smith's departure for Washington that if the Vienna phase showed signs of producing an agreement, the talks would be continued until around Christmas, then resume after a three-week break. The first two weeks after the discussions began again will show whether this is justified, he added.

The spokesman said but did not reply when he was asked whether the conclusion of an agreement next January or February would meet the deadline fixed in the directive issued May 20 by the U.S. and Soviet governments. This instructed them to concentrate on an agreement this year on antiballistic missiles and to agree meanwhile on "certain measures" regarding strategic or offensive missiles.

The communiqué did not mention the two agreements concluded during the session. One called for consultation between the United States and the Soviet Union in the event of a nuclear accident, and the other for improvement in the "hot line" providing instant communication, by satellite circuits, between Washington and Moscow in the event of a crisis.

It was understood that the omission resulted from the Soviet Union's insistence that the announcement be made only in the two capitals. The U.S. delegation distributed tonight a copy of the White House announcement.

Joint Statement

Mr. Smith's belief that the session was "fruitful" was borne out in the statement he issued jointly with his Soviet counterpart.

Mexico Picked for Parley

VIENNA, Sept. 24 (UPI).—The International Atomic Energy Agency decided unanimously today to hold its general conference next year in Mexico City.

3 Bases Chosen

The United States, according to these sources, selected for protection three Minuteman launching sites in the West and Middle West, at Grand Forks Air Force Base in North Dakota, Malmstrom Air Force Base in Montana and Whiteman Air Force Base in Missouri, to maintain its "second strike capability."

The Soviet Union, however, chose to defend Moscow itself. In addition to making a choice between the options offered by the U.S. proposal, the Soviet delegation acquiesced in the U.S. proposal that it should have 100 ABMs for the defense of the capital of its highly centralized government. Agreement was blocked by the Soviet Union's refusal to agree that the United States needed 300 ABMs for the defense of the three Alutians sites. However, some sources believe that the basic understanding may permit solution of this problem in Vienna.

No prompt solution of the problem of ABM is forecast. The United States, it was learned, began the session by proposing a cutoff in the installation of both land-based ABMs (the Soviet Union is ahead numerically, about 1500 to 1050) and submarine-based missiles (the United States leads, 668 to about 400).

Since this was unacceptable to the Soviet Union the discussion of an overall ceiling on strategic missiles was revived. It was agreed that these would also include strategic bombers based in the United States—which explains the use in the communiqué of an unaccustomed term, "strategic offensive arms." But a new difficulty developed over Soviet insistence that nuclear-armed carrier planes, of which the Soviet Navy has many, be included if the carrier was near enough to launch a strike against Soviet territory.

This difference in tone, according to reliable sources, reflected the fact that an agreement in principle had been reached on the roles that the ABMs could play in protecting what Washington and Moscow consider the government functions to be preserved at all costs in the event of a nuclear war.

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PARIS THEATER

Pinter's Pinteresque 'Old Times'

By Thomas Quinn Curtiss
PARIS, Sept. 24 (IHT).—Harold Pinter's "Old Times"—his first full-length play in several years—is at the Théâtre Montparnasse in French translation as "C'était hier." Eric Kahne's exciting adaptation has not only preserved all there is of the original, but also caught with surprising accuracy its brooding mood and exchanges of British understatement. The Parisian premiere was hotly applauded and the public curiosity about "Old Times" is such that the box-office reports a large advance sale. Pinter's latest is Pinteresque to the very frontier of caricature, he dramatist making a show of his well-known and admired technique, but little else. It is less

a good play than it is a good idea for a play. The author has sketched its outline and demonstrates, often ingeniously, how he will manipulate his selected situations by shifting the spotlight from one character to another to achieve three portraits in the round. The result reminds one of the farewell recitals of the celebrated virtuoso De Pachman, who effectively inserted a series of dramatic pauses into his playing of Chopin. These held his audiences rapt, but by the end of his career his concerts had become long dramatic pauses disturbed occasionally by a sound-riding of the keyboard. Similarly, "C'était hier" is an evening of pregnant silences broken now and then by some spoken dialogue.

A married woman invites a former girl friend whom she has not seen in many years to spend a weekend with her and her husband at their seaside residence. The two women chat of the old days when they were girls together in London. The husband, perhaps feeling excluded, suddenly claims that he has met the guest before and that they even had an innocent flirtation in the long ago. She denies this, but he insists. Whether or not his recollection is erroneous is of no consequence, for all that is rosemary now.

Shostakovich Babi-Yar Symphony Draws Ovation in London Debut

By Henry Pleasants
LONDON, Sept. 24 (IHT).—The first London performance of L. Shostakovich's Symphony No. 13 ("Babi-Yar"), by the London Symphony Orchestra under André Previn at the Royal Festival Hall last night, attracted a packed house and ended with a fervent ovation. What other symphonic composition of the past decade has had such a reception? Bernstein's "Mass," of course; but let's wait until it, like Shostakovich's setting of Yevtushenko's melancholy poems, is 10 years old. What seemed so significant about this symphony and the warm performance and reception was not that the work itself may well be Shostakovich's masterpiece, or that Previn's reading of it, one of his own finest accomplishments. Far more significant for the observer of the contemporary musical scene was the fact that there should be such a welcome for a new work of enormous dimensions in which not a chord, a progression, a melody or a detail of instrumentation might not have been written in 1910. Shostakovich, unlike Stravinsky, Schoenberg and Bartok, has never been an innovator, a progressive in the evolutionary sense; and so he has not been numbered with them by the critics as a giant of modern music. And his music has, to be sure, been blighted from time to time by episodes of conformist, hokum-laden fustian. But the success of a work like "Babi-Yar," not only well played, but also very well sung, in Russian, by John Shirley-Quirk and the Ambrosian Singers, might well suggest that in classical music things have not changed as much or as fast as the Schoenbergs and Weberns, the Gages and the Stockhausens and their critical spokesmen, would have us believe. It would seem more likely that the avant-garde has lost contact with the vanguard. And the work itself would seem to offer proof that fine, even original, music can still be written for the traditional orchestra within the traditional tonal system. Composers might do well to consult their own audience once in a while.

'The Samaritan': A Disturbing Modern Morality Play

By John Walker
LONDON, Sept. 24 (IHT).—Peter Terson's "The Samaritan" at the Shaw Theatre is a modern morality play, a celebration of the quiet (and even unattractive) virtues of modesty, act, and compassion. If that sounds dull, it isn't. The play is full of passion and wit. Mr. Terson wrote it in collaboration with an Anglican urke, Michael Butler, and the ponymous samaritan is just that—a professional counselor of the organization set up to aid those in suicidal distress. Yet Mr. Terson has written neither a documentary nor a propaganda tract but a complex and disturbing play. Into the squalid London flat shared by samaritan Godfrey and Denny, a withdrawn and suicidal youth, comes Bob, a brush and swaggering Yorkshireman—the personality kid, Mr. Radiant, the Liberator of Castleford—apparently full of the joys of living and appalled at the way the others do not respond to his beetle offers of friendship. There ensues a sort of battle over Denny. Bob offers dazzling

and fleshy temptations, while Godfrey at first refuses to become involved and then shifts the struggle to center on Bob himself. Mr. Terson writes with enormous zest and energy. There is, for example, a long speech on the Yorkshire miners' love of animals, the way they breed and rabbit. Movingly delivered by Timothy Dalton, it goes far beyond its ostensible subject, becoming an evocation of another, more natural way of life, a glimpse of something rich and strange and paradisaical and beyond reach. What is remarkable about Mr. Terson is his wide-ranging tolerance that allows him to appreciate faults as well as virtues.

Thus, although Bob is finally revealed as a man unable to face reality, a poseur in desperate need of love, it is he who ends Denny's withdrawal from the world. While Godfrey's caring depends upon a stunted personal life. The showy part of Bob is played with superb swaggering bravado by Timothy Dalton, and there are excellently judged performances by Richard Moore as Godfrey and David Cook as Denny. Ron Daniels directs. The Trinidad-born writer Mustapha Matura's "As Time Goes By" at the Royal Court's Theatre Upstairs is a highly comic play of the misadventures of Ram (Stefan Kalipha), a West Indian living in London who sets himself up as a swami and attempts to offer others help that he is ill-equipped to provide. The play has the sort of obvious plotting that one finds in television situation comedy, and Mr. Matura tends to introduce new characters whenever the action begins to flag. But he has abundant wit and can create people who are both comic and credible. Roland Rees directs with an emphasis on laughter, and Mr. Kalipha extracts the maximum amusement from the ear-dropping and incompetent Ram. There has been considerable controversy over the minor event of Desdemona appearing naked in the Mermoid Theatre's production of "Othello." The incident is hardly worth discussing, since the production is totally mediocre, with nothing to recommend it.

The Move to Put Contemporary Art on the Auction Block

By Souren Melikian
PARIS, Sept. 24 (IHT).—An exhibition of 106 paintings by Aimé Henry, a contemporary surrealist painter, on view through Sept. 30 at the office of auctioneer Claude Robert (5 Avenue d'Eylau, near the Trocadéro, in Paris). It will be auctioned at the Hôtel Drouot on Oct. 4. While outsiders may see this pre-sale exhibition as a very sensible and normal procedure, it is nothing of the kind. It is, rather, a sign that the French saleroom, once a stronghold of conservatism, is changing. It is unusual for art to be auctioned to be on public view for such a long time—two weeks

—prior to the sale. And, until very recently, selling contemporary art at auction would have seemed fantastic to most French auctioneers. Maitre Robert, who has become an ardent promoter of modern art in the saleroom, admits that the idea came to him gradually. In 1967 he was asked to dispose of the works in Willem Van Hasselt's studio after the artist's death. Van Hasselt, a late impressionist, was almost unknown. To Maitre Robert's delight and surprise (he does not actually use this word), the sale was a success. Nobody really expected near-contemporary works to sell well—let alone paintings by someone whose name meant nothing to most collectors and dealers. Thus it was that Maitre Robert made up his mind to hold regular sales of modern works. After Van Hasselt, came sales of art by Anders Ostrlund and Henri Person. Eye-Opener The first Person auction was an eye-opener. All 100 lots sold and fetched far above their reserve prices. Seven months later (Dec. 12, 1969), the prices for Person works were even higher. In May, "Matin sur le Port de Toulon" had established the record for a Person at 51,170 francs. In December, "La Bale

de Cassis," boosted the record to 88,750. The high prices were due to spontaneous public enthusiasm. Only a fifth of the people at the first auction were professionals and there had been even fewer of them at the later sale, held in the posh Palais Galliera. Person's work would naturally appeal to a great number of people were they given a chance to see it. This, of course, is what an auction does: exposes an artist's work to a wide public. Person's manner is pointillist and reminiscent of Signac's. By 1969, works by the well-known painters in this style had become scarce and buyers were looking for substitutes. Person's work responded to this demand. Maitre Robert suggests that the receptiveness of the saleroom public to modern art has two possible explanations. First, there are many unsophisticated buyers and young would-be collectors who shy away from art galleries, feeling more secure in the anonymity of the saleroom. They reason that, with a bit of luck, they may get a picture at a much lower price at auction than in a gallery. The other possible explanation concerns the rich collectors at the top of the scale. At "studio sales" (ventes d'atelier), the collector is offered a wide range of the artist's work and, often, the very best. Nobody has forgotten the 1917 Degas sale, where a few lucky buyers picked up some of the best bargains in art history. Once one or two well-known people in the art world start bidding, the rest of the room reacts. Even experienced collectors and dealers get caught up in the excitement. How will Aimé Henry fare on Oct. 4? His inspiration, unmistakably surreal, should help him. He was a pupil of Desplai, Mallol's contemporary and rival.

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Karel Appel's "Looking Over the World."

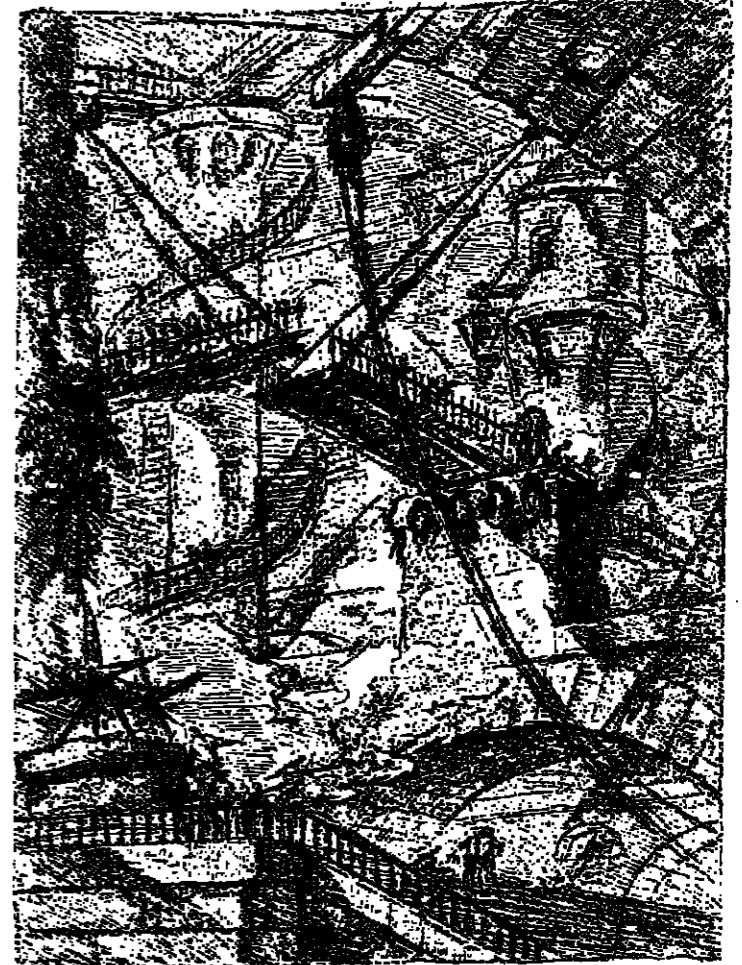
London Art Galleries

Thetis Blacker, Marjorie Parr Gallery, 285 King's Road, Chelsea, London S.W. 3 to Oct. 2. Catalogued as batik paintings, which technically they are, Thetis Blacker's latest magnificent hangings bear a very remote relationship indeed to the craft so popular in the 1920s. Having first studied pre-Columbian textile printing in South America, this fabric printing at Chelsea School of Art, last year she went on a Churchill fellowship to Java, Bali, Thailand and India to study printing and dyeing. Combining the South American and Oriental techniques with her own research, Thetis Blacker has evolved a way of producing batik paintings on a vast scale, inventing a mythology to suit her fantasies. These works are colored and textured in an extraordinary manner, and a whole cometary built-up. In the eye of a phoenix there is a ring; in the ring there is a sea; in the sea there swims a fish; and in the fish's mouth is held an orb reflection of our world. Liu Kuo-sung, Hugh M. Moss Ltd., 12 Bruton St., London W1 to Oct. 2. Liu is trained in the traditions of East and West, using ink and paints on rice papers, sometimes applied with brush in the manner of Chinese calligraphy, sometimes with a spray gun in the manner of a hard-edge abstractionist. In many of his paintings he incor-

ART IN PARIS A View of 18th-Century Venice

By Michael Gibson

PARIS, Sept. 24 (IHT).—In 18th-century Venice the carnival lasted six months of the year and everybody who was, or who aspired to be anybody had his mask and wore it in the streets and the places of social gathering. Each year the dogs stepped into his gold and crocotta stage property named the "Bucintaur," and, surrounded by hundreds of befitting gondoliers, went out to the Adriatic. There he cast a gold ring into the water signifying his betrothal to the sea (one cannot be sure that the bride is consenting; Voltaire observed). On other occasions, borne along with several other dignitaries in a pulpit set on the shoulders of a team of sturdy men, he threw coin to the scabbling populace while gondoliers with heavy poles waded a path for him through the throng (there is a Guardi painting in the exhibition at the Orangerie in Paris that depicts this scene). Venice was then a theatrical vamp, aware perhaps of her incipient wrinkles, but dazzling still and dazzled too by her own beauty. It is no doubt because of this huge narcissism and the force of unreality surrounding it—the unreality of stone on water, the unreality of selfhood that sent a whole society masked into the streets during half the year—that Venetian art of the 18th century, despite its high competence and frequent brilliance, is devoid of any sort of contrast with the dominant view of society. Light, mundanely witty, luminous and chic, imbued with the theatricality of power, it stepped nimbly on all the right squares and knew just what was not done and what must not be said.



Firanesi print from the Orangerie exhibition.

See how the pretty ladies raise their faces to the light, and how the dancer spreads her splendid gown to catch the glances of the crowd! How the spectators gawk and the old men with their masks crutch and peer like the elders ready to spring out at Susannah! Lovely lady! Fine gentlemen! Silly old men! This is Gian Domenico Tiepolo's "Mimmet" from the Louvre. The light is delicious, the variety and grace of movement and the coherence of the whole brilliant. Canaletto's views of Venice are a mirror to the city. Almost how best his perspectives and transparently northern his light. How all his lines race to their appointed place on the horizon with human figures poised on them unmoving, like mimics and crochets on a score. Everything in its place. Canaletto is precise and correct, an aid to memory. Guard Francesco Guardi, his junior by 15 years, is much more taken with movement and he eloquent-

ly conveys the energy and turbulence of state occasions and the daily hubbub of the great thoroughfares (compare his electric view of the Rialto to that, so said, of Canaletto). His perspective is less rigid and he points up movement by an intelligent use of highlights and, sometimes, by the dynamics of comma-like curves. These sharp flecks of movement give his Venetian views their characteristic atmosphere of high-strung urgency in a well-ordered setting. The fundamental lightness of 18th-century Venice shines more humanly in Goldoni's comedies, and its tenderness in the music of Vivaldi, than either does in the painting of the age. It does appear in the color of some of its painters. (Not all by any means—how thick and vulgar they can sometimes be!) But there in a sense it stops. There is an obstacle that prevented all these artists from breaking the form: The market did not allow it. And they did not really trouble to find a way around it. As a result, while 18th-century Venice produced some great painters none of them was a great creator because they all accepted the vital conventions of their time and rang the changes on them, sometimes originally or brilliantly, instead of reaching beyond them and deepening the perspectives of their age. The exhibition at the Orangerie

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Carli Calls on Europe to Form Money Bloc

By H. Ench Heinemann

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By Lorana O. Sullivan



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By Vartanig G. Vartan

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Theodore Shabad NEW YORK, Sept. 24 (NYT)—Soviet Union has announced that production on the main assembly line of its all-steel, automobile plant and assembly of the most complete of statistics on car output ownership yet published...

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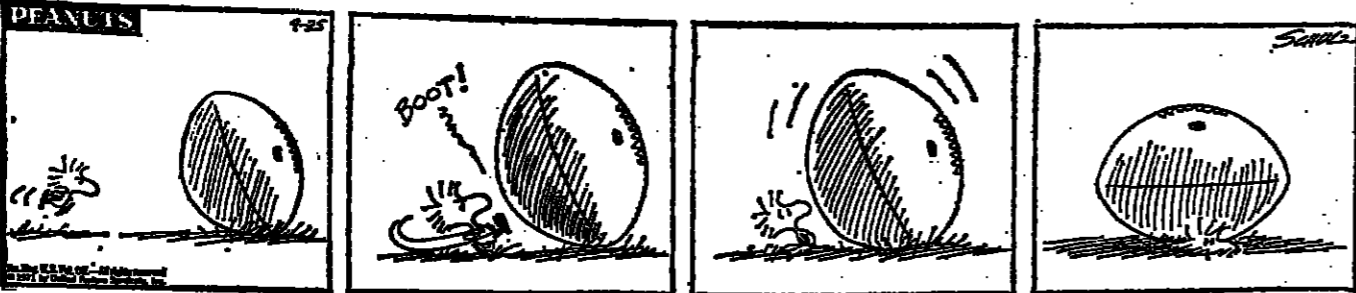
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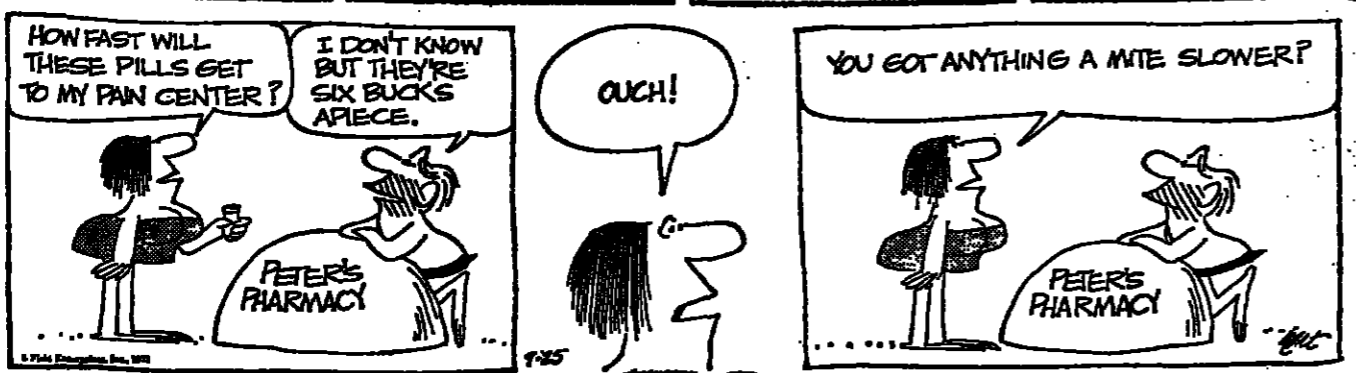
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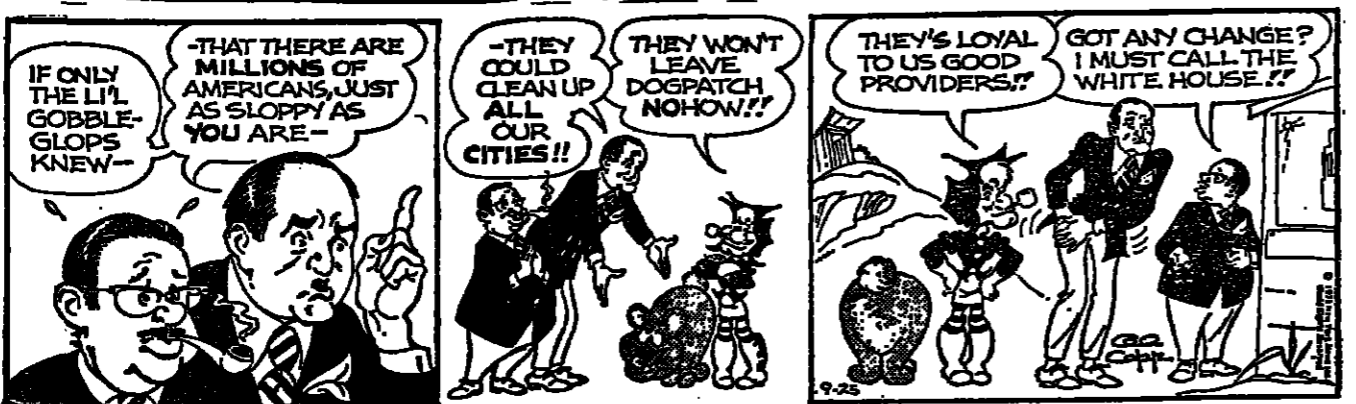
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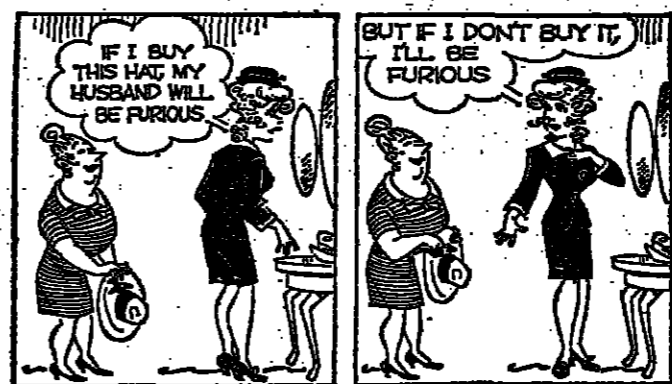
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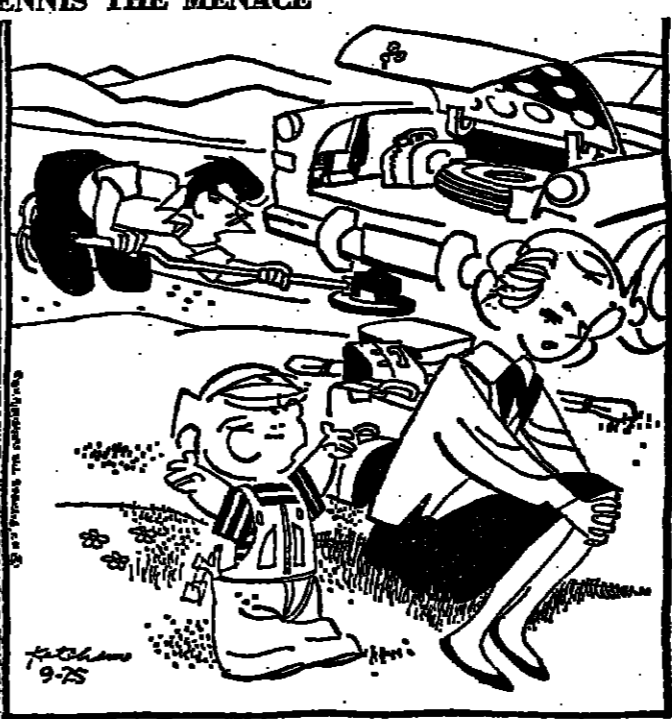
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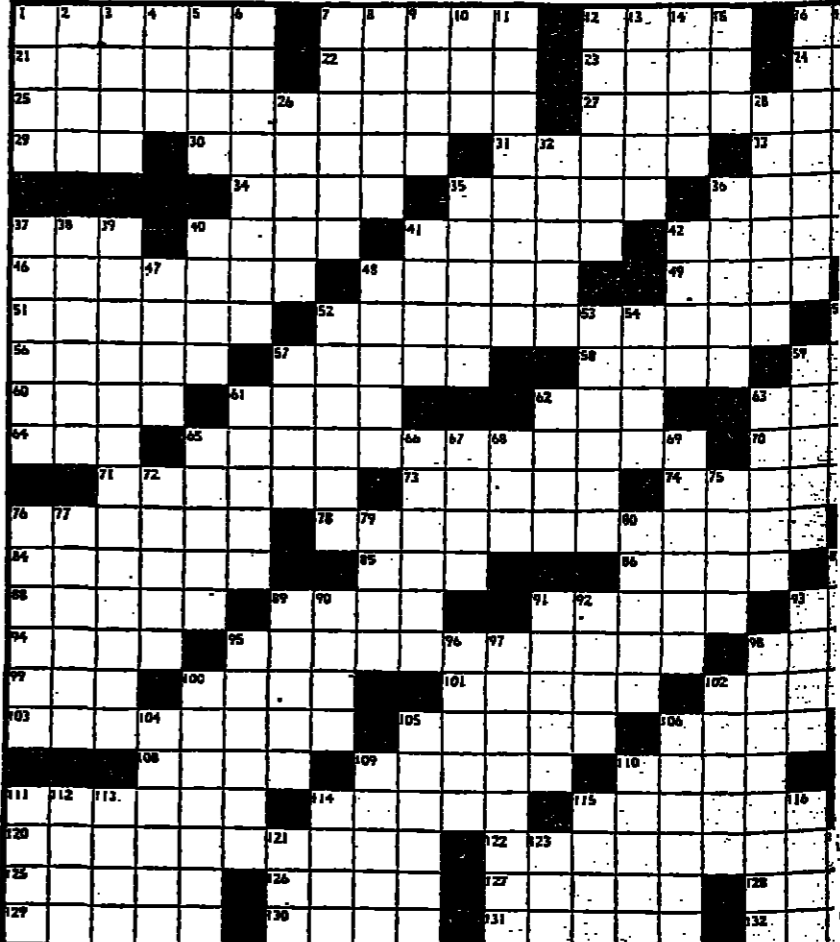
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Art Buchwald

School Busing in Paris

WASHINGTON.—Many politicians talk about school busing, but it is doubtful that any of them have ever ridden on one under actual combat conditions.

Only those who have been on a school bus mission know what busing is all about. I once took school bus side from St. Germain-en-Laye to Paris years ago, and to this day whenever the climate gets damp, my wounds start to ache.



Buchwald

This is what happened. It seems that a group of American mothers who lived in the suburbs of Paris discovered there was no bus to take their children to the American school in town.

At the first mothers tried it without chaperones, and so many bus drivers quit that the bus company said they wouldn't rent them another bus again unless an adult other than the bus driver accompanied the children.

A Heavily Baby
MIAMI Sept. 24 (Reuters)—A baby boy was born 39,500 feet over Georgia yesterday aboard an Eastern Air Lines flight from Miami to Detroit.

Sir Isaac Newton, the Mad Scientist

By Robert Reinhold
CAMBRIDGE, Mass. (NYT)—It ever there was a mad scientist, it was Isaac Newton.

Scarcely out of college, this quarrelsome, vain, pompous yet brilliant scientist had already invented the calculus, made major advances in optics and laid the groundwork for the laws of dynamics and universal gravitation that made him immortal.

Yet later, at the height of his creative powers, he gave up science to run the Mint in London, where he spent the rest of his life chasing counterfeiters and dabbling in alchemy and mysticism. He died in 1727 at age 84, apparently a virgin.

Foreign Scholarship

Moreover, the industry extends far beyond the English-speaking world. There are said to be two dozen or so Newtonian scholars each in Germany, France and the Soviet Union. Other important work has come out of Italy, Romania, Spain, Denmark, Holland, Sweden, Egypt, India, Japan and even China.

"Such is the growth of Newton studies among historians of science, intellectual historians and scientists today that they call it an industry."

scientist who looks upon Newton as a father figure to remember. His life and particular analysis of the scientist by Frank A. Mann of New York University, and "Atoms and Powers," a study of Newton's impact on chemistry by Prof. Arnold Thackray of the University of Pennsylvania.

A Living Document

With these variant readings, according to Prof. Cohen, it is possible for the first time to read the work as a "living document" in which the evolution of Newton's basic ideas, methods of proof, philosophical outlook, general precepts and use of scientific data over a period of 39 years can be traced.

By treating word lists in the fatherless boy's exercise books as a kind of free-association test, Prof. Mannel detects rage and destructive urges against himself, his stepfather and half-brother. And, he concludes in part, Newton was fixated on his mother, and this "may have crippled him sexually, but there was also a great source of power, strength and energy in the early, close relationship."

It was the problem of applying this method to the complex and voluminous writings of Newton that prompted Prof. Koyre to begin a collaboration with Prof. Cohen 15 years ago to produce an edition

PEOPLE: More Notes From The Far

The once preeminent U.S. aeronautics industry continues to lose fudder, a victim of intimations of senescence of the legendary Good Old American Know-How.

Task of developing B-1 bomber windshield that will repel birds at speeds approaching Mach-1 will get under way this month with bird-impact testing. North American Rockwell, prime contractor, is evaluating acrylic and tempered glass laminates and polycarbonate materials for the windshield. Designing the USAF strategic bomber to penetrate hostile airspace at Mach-1 speeds at altitudes as low as 500 ft. dictated bird impact resistance. One testing difficulty includes getting test specimens up to speeds approaching Mach-1.

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